



# City of Austin

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October 28, 2021

To: Consultants Requesting RFQ Package

Subject: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Engineering Services for Project Connect – Water/Wastewater Utility Support Program  
CLMP324 - Clarification No. 1

This Clarification No. 1 is in response to questions received stemming from the Pre-Response Meeting held on October 18, 2021.

## **Clarification No. 1**

**Question 1:** Will award of this contract preclude firms from future Project Connect solicitations?

**Answer 1:** Award of this contract will not automatically preclude firms from future Project Connect solicitations as conflicts of interest are fact dependent. Individual respondents must determine whether a conflict of interest may exist, and if so, must disclose that potential conflict of interest on Form 1. Pursuant to the instruction provided in Form 1, respondents must “[d]escribe the quantity and nature of any work, interest in work, partnership interest, land ownership or other interest in any project, property or business dealing within the proposed project area or past or current business relationship which may give rise to a potential conflict of interest for your firm or associated firms in the execution of this project.” Firms should refer to Sections 4, 5, and 6 on Form 2 for more detailed descriptions of what constitutes a conflict of interest, to assist in making this determination

**Question 2:** If a firm is currently working on a contract for Project Connect, will this preclude them from working on this solicitation?

**Answer 2:** Firms currently working on a contract for Project Connect will not automatically be precluded from working on this solicitation as conflicts of interest are fact dependent. Individual respondents must determine whether a conflict of interest may exist, and if so, must disclose that potential conflict of interest on Form 1. Pursuant to the instruction provided in Form 1, respondents must “[d]escribe the quantity and nature of any work, interest in work, partnership interest, land ownership or other interest in any project, property or business dealing within the proposed project area or past or current business relationship which may give rise to a potential conflict of interest for your firm or associated firms in the execution of this project.” Firms should refer to Sections 4, 5, and 6 on Form 2 for more detailed descriptions of what constitutes a conflict of interest, to assist in making this determination

**Question 3:** Will firms be precluded from future contracting opportunities with the City of Austin if awarded this contract?

**Answer 3:** It is unknown if conflicts may arise in the future because the scopes on future RFQs and on other agency RFQs are unknown at this time, and the timing of on-going contracts may not allow the

City to provide the information to the public. The City of Austin cannot speak to other agencies' requirements relating to conflicts.

Please remember this solicitation is currently in a "No Contact" period and all inquiries should be directed to the appropriate contact persons listed in the solicitation. If you have questions regarding this process and project related questions, you may contact Megan Bowles at [megan.bowles@austintexas.gov](mailto:megan.bowles@austintexas.gov) or (512) 974-1404.

Sincerely,

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